



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CONNECT • GROW • SHARE • PRACTICE

What's Happening: [Active Membership Class](#), [Summerpalooza \(VBS\) Registration Open](#), [Serve at Summarpalooza](#), [Cultivate](#), [Give to Missions](#), [Missions Exposure Trips](#), [Missions Global Partners](#), [Missions Local Serve Opportunities](#), [Child Dedication Class](#), [Grief Share](#) & [Kid's Grief Group](#)

Resources: [God's Will for Your Life Is More Obvious Than You Think](#), [Prayers of Intention](#)

Connect (30 Mins):

- Follow up on Prayer Requests from previous weeks.
- Active membership is coming up! If you have group members that call The Well home and have yet to attend membership, share a little about the why and what of Active membership and encouragement to go to the next one on Sat 5/2. The link to sign up is in the What's Happening box above.

Discuss (30 Mins): 1 Samuel 23, 24, 26

- What observations/questions/reflections did you have?
- David is learning to seek the Lord and wait on Him, while Saul acts out of fear and control. Where do you see yourself responding more like David or Saul in your current season?
- In seasons of desolation, we often respond in one of three ways: willful (trying to control or force things), will-less (giving up or disengaging), or willing (submitting and trusting God). With honesty, which posture do you tend to default to when you find yourself in the wilderness, and how does that show up in your life?
- David had opportunities to take control of his future but chose to wait on God instead. Just because we can do something, or not do something, doesn't mean we should or shouldn't. Where are you currently tempted to force something or quit entirely, on what God might be leading you in?

For Further Study:

- Psalm 37:5, Proverbs 3:5-6, Luke 22:42, Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:13, James 4:13-15, 1 Peter 5:6-7

Apply (30 Mins): Foundational Practice - Embracing the Gospel Over Time

God is "Lord of the Encounter" leading the dance. A willful heart will attempt to do what only God can do, and a willless heart becomes unwilling to enter into what God is doing. But we see a different example in Christ:

"And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." - Matthew 26:39

We must learn how to "float on our backs" in every season, to open and be **willing** by presenting ourselves to him daily, learning to wait and submit to His will:

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:6-7

This week leaders will walk through the "[prayers of intention](#)" with their group.

- Leaders read each section to and allow everyone as a group to take a couple minutes to be with God in that prayer.
- Everyone should take note of what comes up in each section.
- At the end allow space for everyone to share what their time was like and what came up as they set themselves in place to open up to God.

Try these prayers every day this week and share the following week.

Next Week's passage: 1 Samuel 25